



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2188 - HB 2746

March 7, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (014995): Allows a pharmacist to provide ivermectin to a patient who is at least 18 years old pursuant to a collaborative pharmacy practice agreement containing a non-patient-specific prescriptive order, developed and executed by one or more authorized prescribers. Requires the Board of Pharmacy (Board) to establish procedures for providing patients with a screening risk assessment tool, providing a standardized factsheet, and providing either ivermectin or a referral to a pharmacy that dispenses ivermectin. Allows a pharmacist to charge an administrative fee for services associated with dispensing ivermectin. States that a pharmacist or prescriber acting in good faith is immune from disciplinary actions or civil liability.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation does not state that private or government-funded insurance agencies must cover ivermectin or hydroxychloroquine. Therefore, it will not create any fiscal impact to these agencies, as they will not be required to change their current practice.
- The Division of TennCare (Division) covers treatments that are deemed medically necessary. However, the proposed legislation does not state whether the prescription for either drug needs to be considered medically necessary by the prescribing authority; currently, ivermectin does not meet the definition of medical necessity. Therefore, the Division would not be required to cover it and the legislation would create no fiscal impact.
- The Board will not require any additional resources or personnel for establishing standard procedures.
- The cost associated with distributing the screening risk assessment tool and a standardized factsheet will be not significant.
- Any administrative fee for services that a pharmacist may charge is expected to be not significant.
- Any impact related to disciplinary actions or civil cases will be borne by private parties to civil actions. This will not create a significant fiscal impact on the state or local courts.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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